

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 32, and ending on page 16, line 39, as follows:

One of the limits of precipitant addition to the protein solution has been the observation by visual surveillance of the droplet opalescence, or turbidity which is a primitive method of evaluating supersaturation. In one embodiment, Raman spectroscopy (~~Schwarta~~ Schwartz et al., J. Cryst. Growth 203:599 (1999)) and multi-angle light scattering to obtain a quantitative measurement of turbidity, precipitate or aggregate formation in the droplet is used. This may also be coupled to a microscope and a video-camera equipment for an easy and convenient, as well as recordable, surveillance when screening.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 32, and ending on page 21, line 39, as follows:

One of the limits of precipitant addition to the protein solution has been the observation by visual surveillance of the droplet opalescence, or turbidity, which is a primitive method of evaluating supersaturation. In a preferred embodiment, Raman spectroscopy (~~Schwarta~~ Schwartz et al, J. Cryst. Growth 203:599 (1999)) and multi-angle light scattering to obtain a quantitative measurement of turbidity, precipitate or aggregate formation in the droplet is used. This may also be coupled to a microscope and a video-camera equipment for an easy and convenient, as well as recordable, surveillance when screening.